

bond given in January ca. 1744. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,343.17.3 current money (including 37 slaves and books); FB, £1,013.18.5. **LAND:** probably ca. 2,300 acres in Somerset, Queen Anne's, and probably Calvert and Baltimore counties.

**GALE, JOHN** (1753–1813). **BORN:** on September 25, 1753; eldest son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Great Annessex Hundred, Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** George Gale (1731–1765), son of *John Gale* (?–ca. 1744). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth (?–1799), daughter of Rev. Thomas Airey and wife Elizabeth Pitt. **BROTHER:** George Gale (1756–?). **SISTERS:** Mileah (1751–1780), who married *Robert Harrison* (1740–1802); Mary (1759–1760); Elizabeth (1762–?); and Leah. **OTHER KINSHIP:** his great-grandfather was *George Gale* (1671–1712); his great-uncles were *George Gale* (?–ca. 1772) and *Levin Gale* (ca. 1704–1744); his second cousin was *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791). **MARRIED** Amelia, daughter of Thomas Williams; granddaughter of David Williams. **CHILDREN.** SON: John Planner. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary; Milcah; and Amelia Caroline. All the children were minors in 1811. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Coventry Parish, Somerset County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Somerset County, 1785, 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788 (elected, but did not attend), 1789, 1806, 1807, 1808–1809, 1809. **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** Constitution Ratification Convention, Somerset County, 1788; associate justice, Fourth District, appointed 1794. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Coventry Parish Vestry, Somerset and Worcester counties, elected 1788 (did not serve) and 1792; justice, Somerset County, appointed 1793. **MILITARY SERVICE:** 2nd lieutenant, Second Maryland Regiment, 1776; 1st lieutenant, January 1777; taken prisoner at Staten Island in August 1777 and exchanged in October 1778; captain, December 1777; transferred to Fifth Maryland Regiment, January 1781; aide-de-camp to Gen. Mordecai Gist, December 1782 until the end of the Revolutionary War; brevet major, September 1783; colonel, Maryland Militia, by 1794; brigadier general, Tenth Brigade (Somerset and Worcester counties), Maryland Militia, commissioned 1801. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,090.0.0, including 28 slaves, 1793. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 1,450 acres in Somerset County (through marriage); possibly owned as much as 1,729 acres in Somerset and Dorchester counties

combined. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** charged with 3,399 acres in Somerset County in 1793. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will probated on March 3, 1813, in Somerset County; buried at "Cedar Grove" on the Annessex River in Somerset County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £7,220.0.0, including 80 slaves, 1813. **LAND:** 3,340 acres in Somerset County, plus 200 acres that he referred to in his will as military lands.

**GALE, LEVIN** (ca. 1704–1744). **BORN:** ca. 1704, probably in Somerset County. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *George Gale* (1671–1712). **MOTHER:** Betty (1674–1736), daughter of Levin Denwood (ca. 1648–1726) and wife Priscilla. **BROTHERS:** *George Gale* (?–ca. 1772); *John Gale* (?–ca. 1744); and *Matthias* (?–1748). **NEPHEW:** *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791). **NIECE:** Mary Gale (ca. 1734–by 1790), who married *Samuel Wilson* (1735–1790). **MARRIED** by 1726 Leah, daughter of Southy Littleton, of Accomack County, Virginia, and wife Mary Browne; stepdaughter of Hancock Custis; granddaughter of both Col. Southy Littleton and wife Sarah Bowman, and of Thomas Browne and wife Susanna. Her brother was Southy (?–died young). **CHILDREN.** **DAUGHTER:** Leah, who married her first cousin *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican; made a gift of one acre of land to the Presbyterians to erect a house of worship, 1742. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Hon., 1742. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** attorney, admitted to the Somerset County Court in November 1722; planter; officeholder; merchant, engaged in mercantile activities with his brothers *Matthias*, *George Gale* (?–ca. 1772), and *John Gale* (?–ca. 1744); as Col. *Levin Gale & Company*, Gale, and his partners, *John Caldwell* (?–1747), *Robert King* (1689–1755), *Archibald Smith*, and *Alexander Draper* owned an ironworks and a schooner, 1728. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Somerset County, 1725–1727 (Laws 1–4), 1728–1731 (Laws 3), 1732–1734 (Laws 1–Cv; discharged during the convention for accepting a government position of "trust and profit" after the election), 1734/35–1737 (Laws 1, Cv, 2–4; Bills of Credit 1, Cv, 2–4), 1738 (Laws; Bills of Credit; appointed to the Council during the convention); Upper House, 1738 (appointed during the convention), 1739–1741 (Bills of Credit–Paper Currency Cv, 1, 3), 1742 (Bills of Credit–Paper Currency 1; died before the 2nd session). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OF-**